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### XVII. FINANCES

Now I am going to the basis of the base of our work, namely, to the finances.

The general sum of the means which were expended both by the Executive Committee of MOPR as well as the local organisations abroad, constitutes 17,056,580 rubles. Of this amount 90.3 per cent was expended on direct aid, 9.7 per cent expended on the organisational and agitational expenditures of the sections and on political emigration.

What was the co-relation in percentage of what was given by the Executive Committee and what was collected by the foreign organisations?

In the beginning the Executive Committee gave 53.7 per cent; there was even one time in 1924 when the Executive Committee gave to the support of the political prisoners and their aid 69.2 per cent. In the past year of 1930 the co-relation has strongly changed; the Executive gave 33.1 per cent and the local collections constitute 66.9 per cent, that is, the centre of gravity has been transferred to the local collections. Perhaps you will be surprised and say that this is an incorrect policy of the Executive Committee. But comrades, first of all the demands which are placed before us cannot be satisfied to the extent even by the Executive Committee, even with the assistance of the section of the U.S.S.R. On the other hand picture what will be the situation if

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war or intervention will take place? Why then they will not be able to exist at all if timely measures were not taken.

For this reason we introduced the line which is carried on in the U.S.S.R. by the Central Committee of MOPR SELF-SUPPORTING ORGANISATION, the sections should maintain themselves, and only in extreme cases should receive any subsidy. At the present time we are giving aid only to the illegal organisations. And illegal organisations must also stand on their own feet.

Finally, we set for ourselves the task that our sections should give equal assistance to all the political prisoners, and that we should not have such facts as we have in France, when to the ordinary rank and file member assistance was given by the MOPR and the Communist who was arrested and who occupied some sort of a Party post received during the course of a long time wages, which he received at his place of work.

In France, this campaign in part was raised by Comrade Marty who declared that he must receive the same as the other political prisoners, and not as a member of the Central Committee of the Party. At the present time our section agrees with this and began to carry out the corresponding line.

A few words about the work of the Auditing Commission.

The Auditing Commission of the Executive Committee was elected completely from the comrades of the Soviet Union, but, however, it is necessary to say that the Auditing Commission worked very poorly so that when recently we had to verify one of the balances of the Executive Committee we could not call together the Auditing Commission.